

OVERCOMING KARNAL BUNT AS A QUARANTINE PEST



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National Activities

KB National Survey

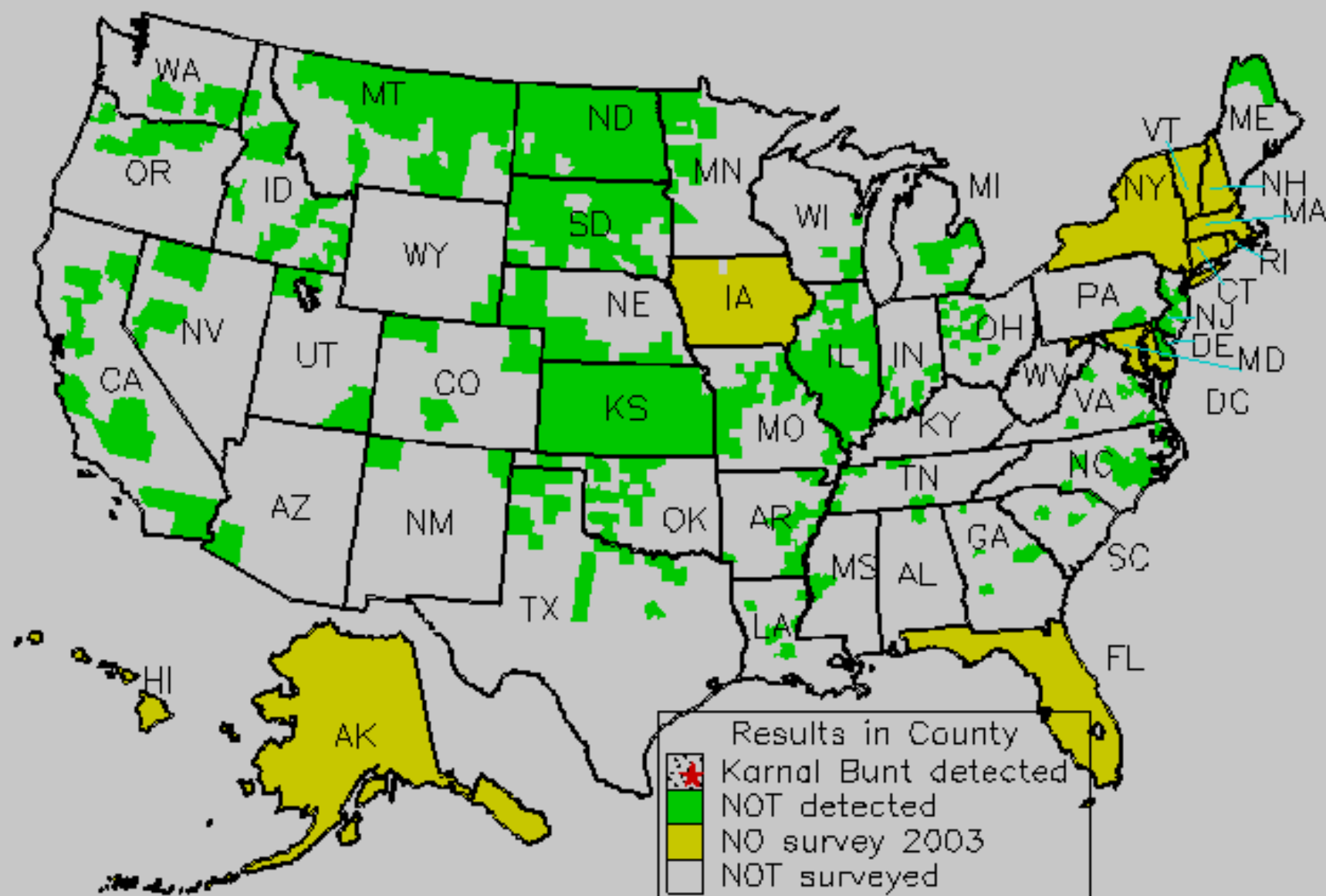


To confirm that Kb was a problem in only localized areas and not widespread in the US crop, the National Karnal Bunt Survey was initiated in 1996.

650+/- counties in 39+/- States participate each year

2003 Karnal Bunt National Survey

Data from National Agricultural Pest Information System 2004.07.13



2004 National KB Survey



States participating	37
States pending	6 (CO, MN, MT, OR, PA, SD, TX?)
Deficit	106
Projected samples	1487
Receive samples	1469
Number positive	0

Regulatory Highlights and Activities

October 13, 2004

Olney, TX



**1997- bunted kernel
standard established
for declaring a field
Kb positive**

**USDA changed the
focus of the Kb
program from
eradication to
management of risk**



Regulated articles:

- **Conveyances**, including trucks, railroad cars, and other containers used to move wheat, durum wheat, or triticale
- **Grain elevators/ equipment/ structures** used for storing and handling wheat, durum wheat, and triticale
- **Plants, or plant parts**, including grain, seed, or straw, or straw of all varieties of wheat (*Triticum aestivum*), durum wheat (*Triticum durum*), and triticale (*Triticum aestivum* x *Secale cereale*)

Recent Regulatory Changes

- **Deregulation of:**
 - Manure
 - Soil
 - Milling Products and Byproducts
- **Planting**
 - Wheat that is planted inside the regulated area that yields a negative test result for bunted kernels and teliospores, will qualify as seed that can be sown inside and outside the regulated area.

“Regulated area” is a ...

a field **planted with seed from a lot found to contain a bunted wheat kernel; or**

a distinct definable area that contains **at least one field that was found during a survey to contain a bunted wheat kernel; or**

a distinct definable area that contains at least one field that has been determined to be **associated with grain at a handling facility containing a bunted kernel of a host crop.**

A field known to have been infected with Karnal Bunt, as well as any non-infected acreage surrounding the field, will be released from regulation if:

- **The field is no longer being used for crop production (e.g. shopping mall or residential subdivision);**

Or

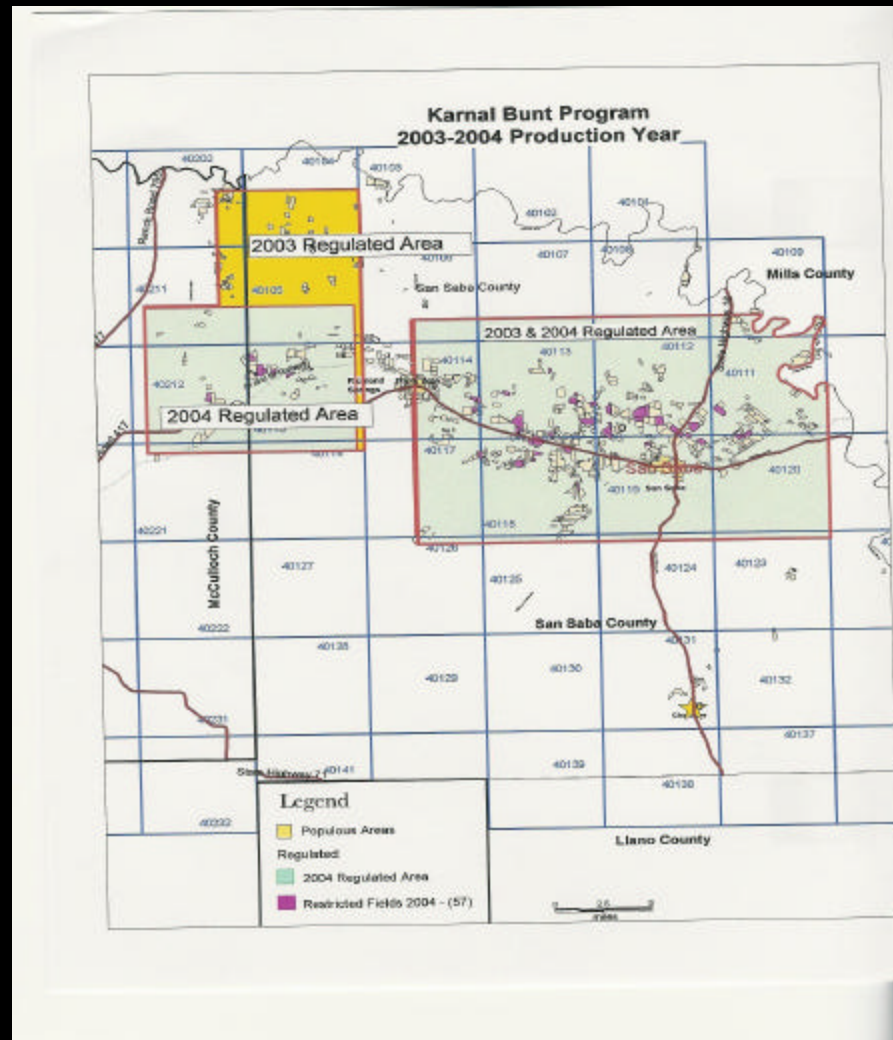
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**Or...Each year for a period of 5
[consecutive] years, the field is:**

- Planted with a cultivated non-host crop;**
- Tilled once annually; or**
- Planted with a host crop that tests negative, through the absence of bunted kernels, for Karnal Bunt.
(Tillage is required)**

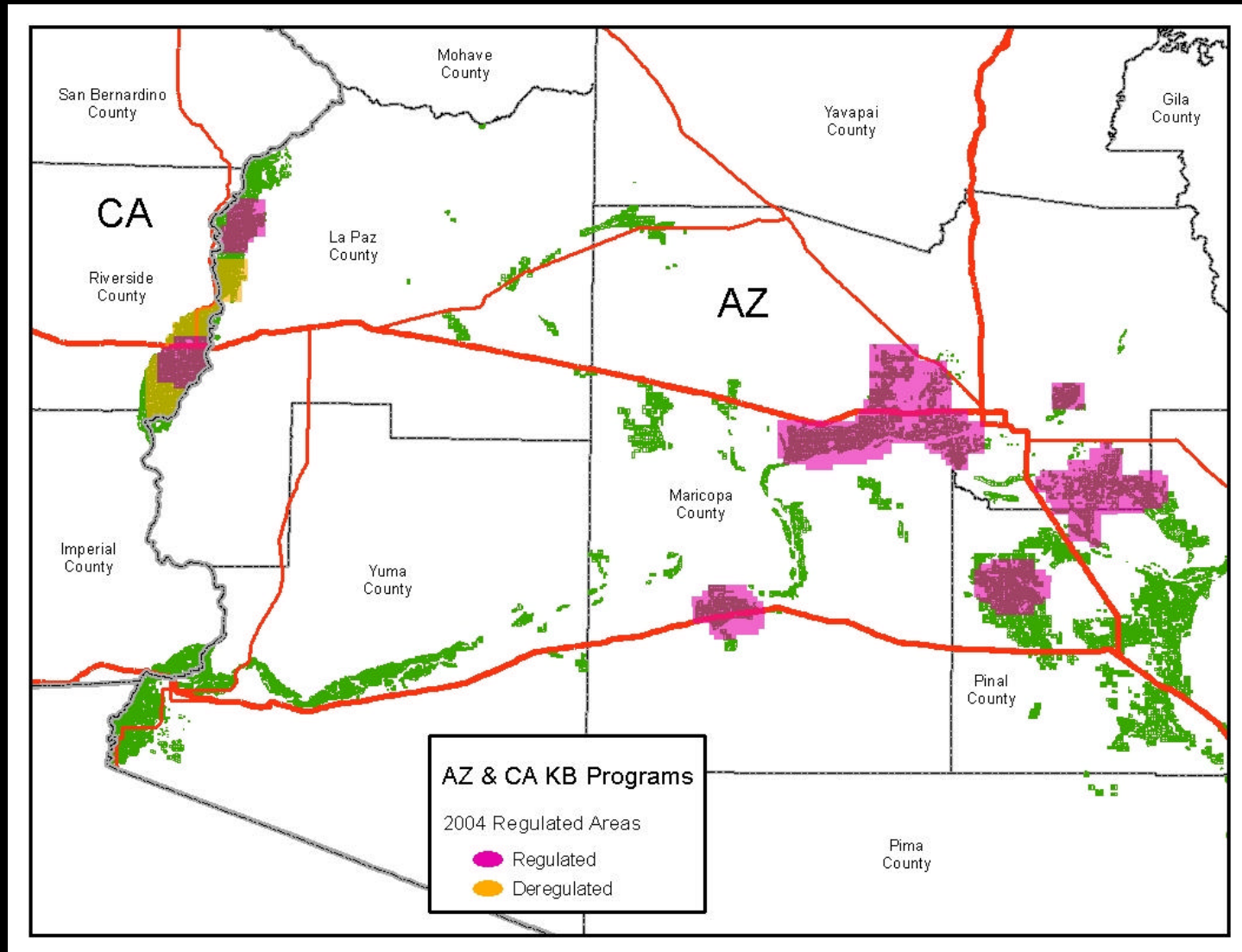
Area Deregulated

San Saba Regulated Area



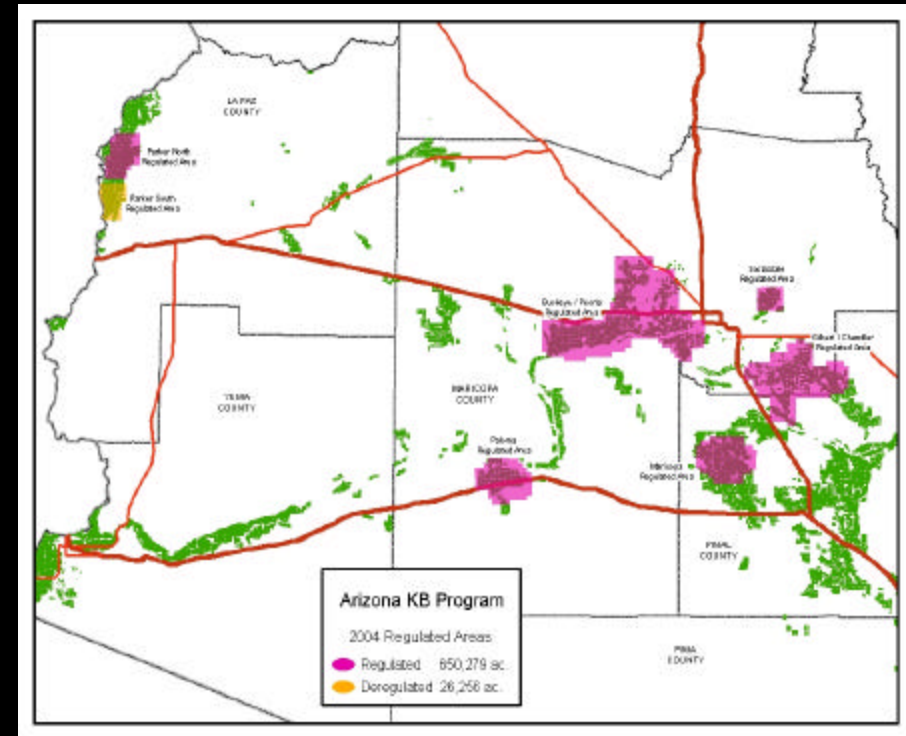
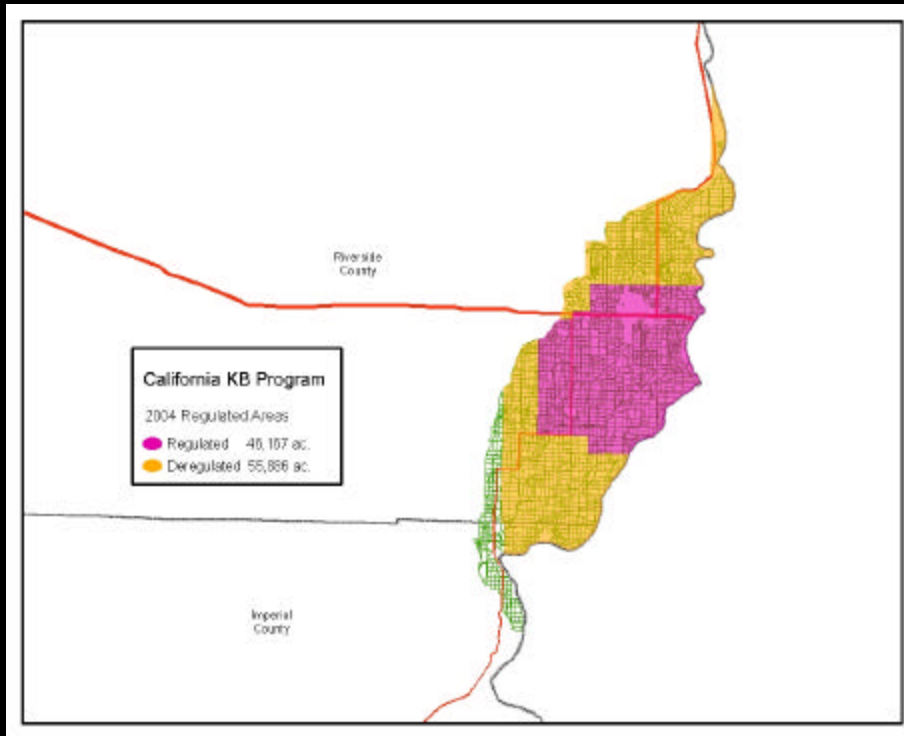
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CA & AZ Regulated Areas

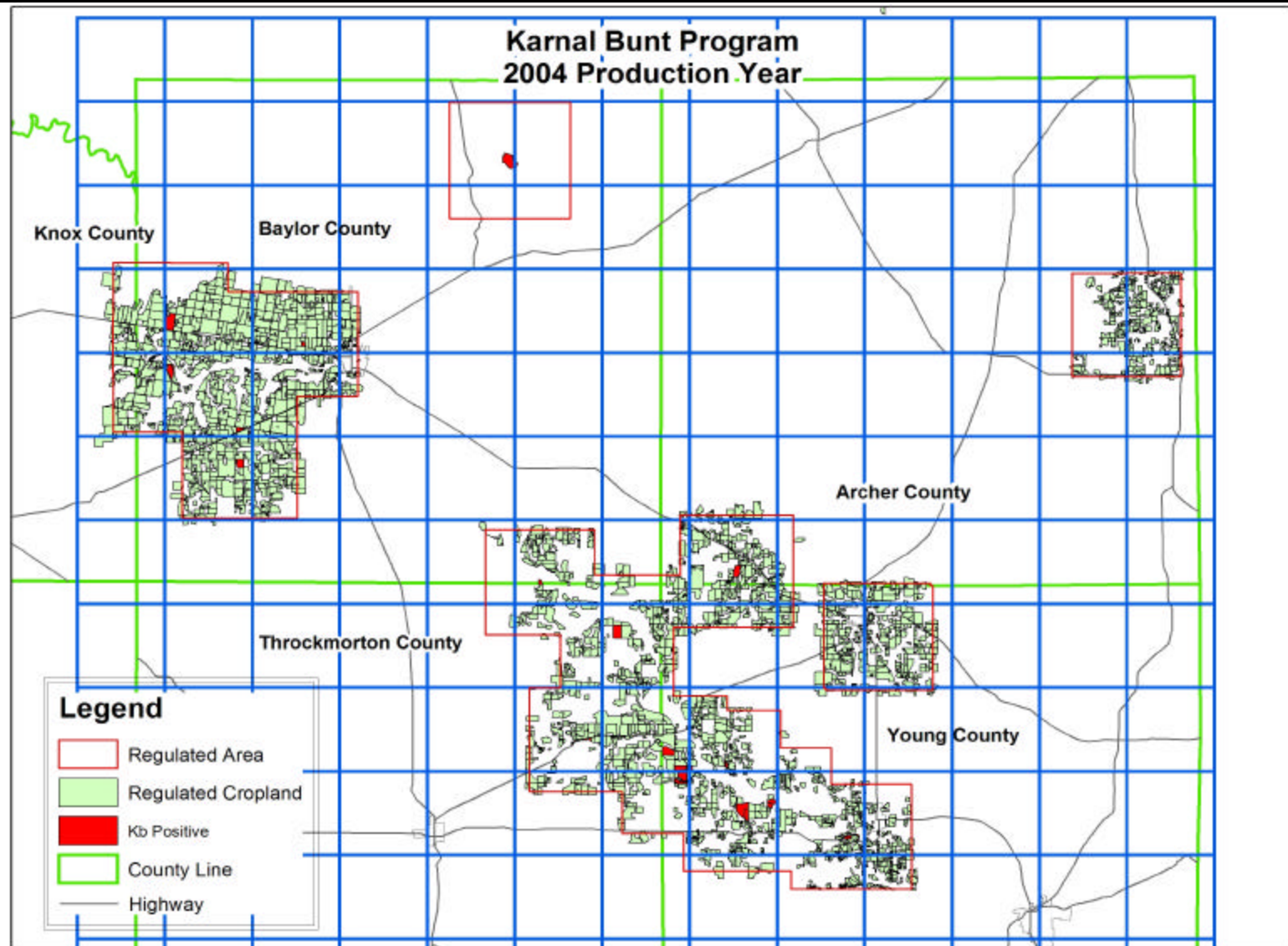


Area Deregulated

AZ & CA Regulated Area

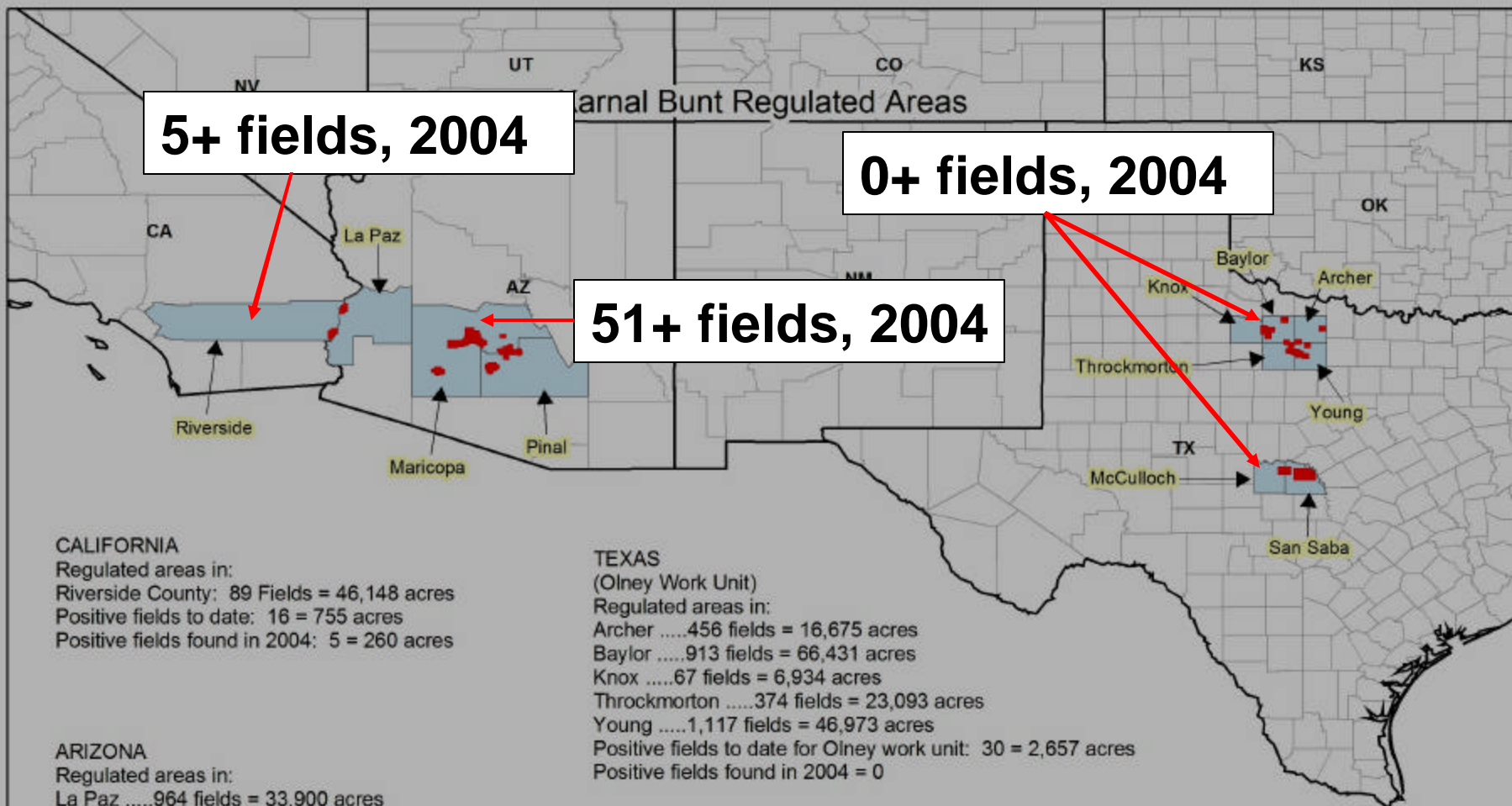


Olny Regulated Area



KB Positive Fields

Year	AZ	TX	CA
1996	18	N/a	
1997	4	17	
1998	75		4
1999			
2000	14		
2001	92	83	3
2002	12	4	
2003	26		5
2004	51		5



"Regulated area" is an area regulated by USDA for Karnal bunt that is a distinct, definable, commercial wheat production area that includes at least one field that tested positive for bunted kernels and includes the surrounding 3 miles.

"Positive field" is a field where a grain sample was collected at the field level and determined to contain at least one bunted kernel.

Recent Regulatory Changes (continued)

- Modification of Cleaning and Disinfecting Requirements for Seed Conditioning Equipment
 - If seed that was run through the equipment was tested and found to contain spores or bunted kernels, then the equipment must be cleaned and disinfected prior to being moved from a regulated area or prior to handling spore-negative seed.

www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html or [http://](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ep/kb/notices.html) or
<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ep/kb/notices.html>



KB Federal Register Notices:

03-047-2 Karnal Bunt; Affirm Addition/Removal of Fields in AZ and CA.
Final Rule 2004/08/17

03-052-2 Karnal Bunt; Compensation for Custom Harvesters in Northern TX.
Technical Ammendment 2004/07/08

04-038-1 Karnal Bunt; Remove Restrictions on Regulated Areas in TX.
Interim Rule 2004/05/17

03-052-1 Karnal Bunt; Compensation for Custom Harvesters in Northern TX.
Interim Rule 2004/05/04

02-057-1 Karnal Bunt; Revision of Regulations for Importing Wheat.
Proposed Rule 2004/03/03

02-056-2 Karnal Bunt; Revision of Domestic Regulations.
Final Rule 2004/02/23

03-047-1 Karnal Bunt; Karnal Bunt; Addition/Removal of Fields in CA.
Interim Rule 2004/01/05